## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Docket No. 08-537-US4)

In the Application of:  David A. Brown  Serial No.: 09/886,659  Filed: June 21, 2001  Title: Method and Apparatus for Logically Expanding the Length of a Search Key	)	Examiner: Kristie D Shingles Art Unit: 2141 Confirmation No.: 4746
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## RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 02, 2009

Dear Sir:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Please consider the following **REMARKS** in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 02, 2009 in the above-captioned application.

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